

News from Senator Dawn Buckingham Senate District 24

After nine weeks on the job as your state senator, I received a call from the White House. I was thrilled to learn that I had been selected to participate in a select panel discussion with President Donald Trump, members of his administration and nine healthcare professionals from across the country to replace the Affordable Care Act, also known as Obamacare.

It was a great honor to be part of the "Women in Healthcare" panel and to have the opportunity to share my firsthand experiences with this broken law as a business owner, doctor and as a state legislator. I was being given the opportunity to share countless stories of broken promises, medical care failures and the unmanageable rising costs of our broken healthcare system as told to me by my patients and Senate District 24 constituents.

Less than 48 hours later, those high hopes for much needed healthcare change were replaced with significant disappointment. The negotiations for a replacement bill ended without enough favorable votes for passage.

It is troubling that for now the Affordable Care Act will remain the law of the land. It's unfortunate because I fear that healthcare in America is going to get worse before it gets better.

That's why I returned home and encouraged the Health and Human Services Committee to consider, and pass, legislation I filed (SCR 1) calling on Congress to repeal the Affordable Care Act, as well as another bill I filed (SB1376) to help make sure Texas is ready to respond once federal healthcare reform does occur.

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